Ehud Barak minister of Defense of Israel

Prime Minister of Israel 1999-2001

Most Decorated Soldier in Israel's History

During his tenure, Israel's 10th Prime Minister Ehud Barak led the country out of prolonged recession and into an economic boom, with 5.9% annual growth (9% 3rd Q), record foreign .investments, near zero inflation, a halved deficit and significantly decreased external debt

However, the core of the Barak government's effort was devoted to the peace process: in May 2000 Prime Minister Barak ordered the withdrawal of the Israeli Defense Forces from .South Lebanon ending 18 tragic and bloody years of Israel's presence there

He led far-reaching efforts to negotiate peace agreements, first with Syria and later with the Palestinian authority, with the active participation of President Bill Clinton and his administration. Regrettably, these negotiations did not result in the breakthroughs .necessary to conclude final agreements

Before being elected Prime Minister, Barak completed an illustrious 36-year career in the .Israeli Defense Forces as the most decorated soldier in its history

He was a key architect of the June 1976 Entebbe Operation for the rescue of passengers on the Air France aircraft hijacked by terrorists and forced to land at the Entebbe Airport in .Uganda

Additionally, he served as Chief of the General Staff of the IDF where he was involved in the negotiation and implementation of the 1994 peace treaty with Jordan – an especially .meaningful event for Barak in light of his warm relationship with King Hussein

Barak also served his country as Minister of the Interior, Minister of Foreign Affairs and .Defense Minister

Mr. Barak received his Bachelors of Science in Mathematics and Physics from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and his M.SC in Economic Engineering Systems at Stanford University .in California

In his speeches, Prime Minister Barak offers a blueprint for leadership in these trying times. His political educational and military background gives him a unique perspective for assessing the key challenges of world terror, international diplomacy, globalization and the .free world in the 21st century

A true renaissance man, Barak presided over an unprecedented economic boom in Israel and is able to speak with command about economic development issues facing nations today. Prime Minister Barak's speeches give audiences a macro analysis of how internal and national politics, international events terror and the economy all interact with each other .and influence one another both in national and international aspects